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Medical Services
VETERINARY CARE

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1. HISTORY. This issue publishes a revision of this publication. Because the publication has been extensively revised, the changed portions have not been highlighted.

2. PURPOSE. This regulation establishes the authorized veterinary care program for government and privately owned animals.

3. REFERENCES.

a. AR 40-1, Composition, Mission, and Functions of The Army Medical Department.

b. AR 40-3, Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care.

c. AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services.

e. FSH Reg 40-3, Control of Animals And Pets.

4. POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The installation veterinarian will provide veterinary care as follows:

a. Government-owned animals. Complete veterinary services for all government-owned animals, to include MWR Riding Stables horses and Fifth U.S. Army Quadrangle animals. MWR animals will be given full service care as time and resources permit.

b. Privately owned animals. Limited veterinary care as follows:

(1) Pets owned by personnel authorized DOD medical privileges may be examined, immunized, and treated for the prevention and control of diseases or conditions which may be transmissible to humans or animals, or those diseases or conditions which may constitute a community health problem. Dispensing of medications will be limited to those required in providing the above mentioned authorized services.

(2) Pets may receive examinations and treatments for zoonotic diseases, including external and internal parasites and bacterial or fungal diseases.

(3) Pets may receive examinations and documentation for health certificates, both interstate and international.

(4) FSH Veterinary Services will arrange for quarantine of Rabies suspect animals by San Antonio Animal Control in accordance with FSH Reg 40-3, (CONTROL OF ANIMALS AND PETS).

(5) Pets may receive other veterinary services deemed appropriate by the Officer In Charge (OIC), Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility (FSH VTF) in accordance with Veterinary Command (VETCOM) policy and AR 40-905, (VETERINARY HEALTH SERVICES).

c. Privately owned horses stabled at MWR Riding Stables. Limited veterinary care for the following, as resources permit:

(1) Health certificate examinations and quarantine as required for admission to or departure from the MWR Riding Stables.

(2) Vaccinations and Coggins testing are available through the FSH VTF, in order for horses to comply with requirements of FSH Reg 40-3.

d. Immunizations will be administered in accordance with AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services, and current federal, state, and local regulations.

e. Surgical procedures commonly recognized by the profession as cosmetic or elective are strictly limited for privately owned animals and are performed only at the discretion of the OIC, FSH VTF.

f. Emergency care to privately owned animals may be provided only during normal duty hours, and is limited to immediate care required to save life or limbs. Hospitalization, intensive veterinary care, boarding, or after hours emergency services are not provided. Animals requiring these services will be referred to a civilian veterinary hospital of the owner's choice.

g. The FSH VTF may perform a limited amount of surgical procedures and treat medical conditions not listed in paragraph 3b-1 for clinical proficiency training. These cases are very limited and are performed only at the discretion of the OIC, FSH VTF.

h. FSH VTF personnel are not authorized to recommend any civilian veterinary clinics or services. FSH VTF personnel are not authorized to recommend any civilian boarding facilities. FSH VTF personnel may refer to a particular civilian veterinarian only if they are a veterinary clinical specialist that is board certified in a particular field of veterinary medicine.

